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The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/018359, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-135583, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer translation thereof;

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-210587, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer translation thereof; and
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 2-001508, together with an English language translation thereof.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-169811, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer translation thereof. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (5) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0010314 to MATSUZAKI et al., which was published on January 15, 2004; and
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0109883 to MATSUZAKI et al., which was published on June 12, 2003.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

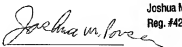
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translations, are attached hereto, and all of the

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2003-135583.
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